



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 16, 2000

H.R. 2773 **Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Act of 2000**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 7, 2000

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2773 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2773 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 2773 would designate about 42 miles of river segments in Florida as wild, scenic, and recreational rivers to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in cooperation with the state of Florida. The bill would direct the Secretary to establish an advisory council to help develop and implement a comprehensive management plan for those river segments. The bill would authorize the Secretary to provide financial and other assistance to the state of Florida and relevant local governments, landowners, and private organizations under cooperative agreements aimed at facilitating the management of the newly designated river segments. Based on information from the National Park Service, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost about \$100,000 annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

On June 14, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2352, the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Designation Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 7, 2000. The two bills are substantively the same, and the cost estimates are identical.

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